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A.—(1) & (2) Nominations to taluk boards are made by the president of the district board whom the hon. Member may address in the matter.

(3) Only a telegram was received from the Adi-Dravida Conference, Chingleput, and no action was taken as the power of appointing members of taluk boards rests with the president, district board.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Did the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government approve of this practice of nominating members of communities who are already more than well represented in the taluk or district boards ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro :—" I want notice of that question."

Water-supply for Adi-Dravidas.

869 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : With reference to item No. 28 of the proceedings of the nineteenth meeting for 1922–23 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council held on 18th January 1923, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table the scheme for grants to panchayats for water-supply for Adi-Dravidas ?

A.—A copy of the extract relating to the proposal in question will be communicated to the hon. Member.

Appointment of Honorary Presidency Magistrates.

870 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the office of Honorary Presidency Magistrate was conferred upon Mr. E. S. Nicholas while he was Licence Superintendent of the Madras Corporation ?

A.—Yes.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Does Mr. Nicholas still continue as Licence Superintendent of the Madras Corporation ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur :—" No."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" For how long did he hold his appointment in the Corporation after he was appointed Honorary Presidency Magistrate ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur :—" The exact date is not within the knowledge of the Government."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Are there any other employees of the Corporation of Madras holding the appointment of Honorary Presidency Magistrate ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur :—" I am not able to answer the question without notice."